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## Makara Sankranti Tomorrow

# Hectic Shopping at City Markets

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (RK&TRR)- Ahead of tomorrow's Makara Sankranti, also known as the Festival of Harvest, hectic shopping was witnessed at city markets this morning.

People from Mysuru and surrounding areas were seen enthusiastically purchasing festive essentials and new clothes.

Shops at Shivarampet, Santhepet, J.K. Grounds, Suyra Bakery Circle in Hebbal, Kuvempunagar Complex, Vivekanandanagar Circle and others were bustling with customers buying items for the festival.

*'Ellu-Bella'* mixture, a blend of white sesame seeds, chopped copra, fried groundnut, *hurigadale* and jaggery, was priced between Rs. 225 and 280 per kg.

White sesame seeds was priced at Rs. 250 per kg, jaggery at Rs. 60 per kg, roasted groundnuts at Rs. 200 per kg, dried copra at Rs. 200 per kg, *hurigadale* at Rs. 120 per kg, and sugar cubes *(sakkare achhu)* at Rs. 120 per kg.

*Sevanthige* (chrysanthemum) and *Chenduhoovu* (marigold) were in abundance. *Sevanthige* was priced between Rs. 80 and Rs. 90 per meter, while marigold was sold for Rs. 50 to Rs. 60, lower than last year's prices due to a surplus in supply.

Sugarcane stalks were being sold at Rs. 50 per pair. There was also brisk shopping for new clothes in city malls and outlets.

On the festive day, elders perform puja at homes, while women distribute *Ellu-Bella* to family and friends. In rural areas, preparations are underway for *Kichhu Hayisuvudu* (a jump on fire) with people decorating their cows.

# Man dies outside hospital with pregnant wife inside

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (RK&KS)- A man, who had been sleeping outside Cheluvamba Hospital while his wife was admitted for delivery, died this morning. It is suspected that freezing temperatures, particularly during the night and early morning hours, contributed to his death.

The deceased, Nagesh (35), son of late Govindaiah, was a resident of Chowdalli village in Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar District. Four days ago, Nagesh admitted his pregnant wife, Ashwathamma, to Cheluvamba Hospital due to complications and she was placed in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

## Biting cold suspected to be reason for death

Although the hospital provides a dormitory for attendants to rest, Nagesh chose to sleep outside near the ICU, likely due to his concern for his wife's condition.

**(See MAN DIES on page 6)**

## Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of ***Makara Sankranti.*** Hence, there will be no issue of ***Star of Mysore*** dated **14.1.2025 (Tuesday).**

## Greetings

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# 'Sky Force' to celebrate heroics of Kodagu Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya

*'Sky Force' movie poster.*

*Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya*

Madikeri, Jan. 13 (PS& BCT)- 'Sky Force,' a Hindi historical war film highlighting the heroics of Squadron Leader Ajjamada B. Devayya, a *Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)* awardee from Kodagu, who heroically downed a Pakistani aircraft and made the ultimate sacrifice during 1965 Indo-Pak War, is set to release on Jan. 24, coinciding with Republic Day.

Directed by Abhishek Anil Kapur and Sandeep Kewlani, and produced by Dinesh Vijan and Amar Kaushik under Maddock Films alongside Jyoti Deshpande under Jio Studios, the film stars Akshay Kumar as Wing Commander O.P. Taneja (Veer Chakra). Veer Pahariya debuts as Squadron Leader Devayya, while Sara Ali Khan portrays Devayya's wife, Sundari Devayya. Nimrat Kaur also plays a significant role.

The film's trailer has already stirred a wave of patriotism. It is based on the book *'1965 War and Kodagu's Maha Vir Chakra Awardee Squadron Leader Ajjamada B. Devayya's Life Story,'* authored by journalist-writer Ithichanda Ramesh Uthappa and published by Kodava Makkada Koota under the guidance of Bollajira B. Ayyappa.

Before production, Devayya's wife Sundari Devayya, their children, the Kodava Makkada Koota and author Ramesh Uthappa granted a no-objection certificate to the film-makers.

**(See SKY FORCE on page 6)**

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Monday 13th January 2025


# Philosophical lectures by Dr. Veena Bannanje

*Dr. Veena*

Mysuru, Jan. 13- Parampare has organised three lectures by Dr. Veena Bannanje from Jan. 20 to 22 daily from 6 pm to 8 pm at Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), JLB Road, Mysuru.

Dr. Veena Bannanje is the daughter of Sri Bannanje Govindacharya from Udupi and disciple of famous writer and mystic Satyakama of Kallahalli, Vijayapura district.

Lecture topics are as follows: **Jan. 20:** Vairagyanidhi Akka; **Jan. 21:** Arivina Guru Allama and **Jan. 22:** Mahasaadhaka Satyakama. For details, contact Mob: 99860-37311.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

CORPORATE BOSSES TURN SUNDAY INTO 'STAREDAY': ***It's raining memes on work-life balance. L&T Chairman S.N. Subrahmanyan's remarks advocating a 90-hour work week and mandatory work on Sundays sparked a memefest online with corporate bosses joining content creators in the viral discourse. In an undated video, Subrahmanyan posed a rhetorical question,*** *"How long can you stare at your wife?"* ***whilst encouraging employees to reduce their time at home and increase their presence in the workplace, including on Sundays.***

*"Even my wife Natasha Poonawalla thinks I am wonderful, she loves staring at me on Sundays. Quality of work over quantity always,"* ***Serum Institute of India (SII) CEO Adar Poonawalla posted on X on Sunday, joining thousands of netizens who have trashed the L&T Chief's suggestion despite the company's defence of the idea.***

***Infosys Founder N.R. Narayana Murthy, who had raised the bar from 60 hours of work a week in 2020 to 70 hours in 2023 had drawn similar reactions.***

***BigBasket Founder and CEO Hari Menon stole the show by re-christening the day as a "stare-day." He said,*** *"Hope everyone is enjoying their Stareday!"*

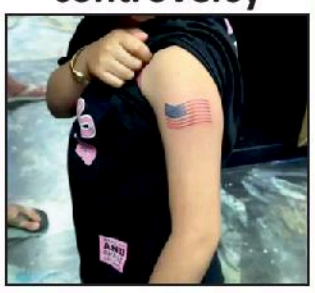
***Poonawalla's post was prompted by Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra's comments made at National Youth Festival in New Delhi on Saturday. While answering questions on time management, he said people often erroneously link his ability to spend time on social media to being lonely.*** *"I want to make it clear — I'm on X not because I'm lonely. My wife is wonderful. I love staring at her. People don't understand how it is an amazing business tool. On one platform, I get feedback from 11 million people,"* ***he said. "If you're not spending time at home, with friends, reading, if you don't have time to reflect, how will you bring the right inputs into making a decision... you make good decisions if you have a holistic life," he added.***

***Many also took to uploading photos to land their humour. One such photo included Mamaearth's husband-wife Founder duo, Varun Alagh and Ghazal Alagh. Ghazal Alagh captioned the photo,*** *"Sundays are for staring. Post yours with #staringsundays."* ***Venture capital firm Steadview Capital MD Puneet Kumar posted a photo of him staring at his wife, with the caption:*** *"Staring at my wife on a Sunday morning after a good workout! What did you do on your Sunday?"*

*— Supriya Roy in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Tattooing girl, aged 9, sparks controversy



Yuma: A tattoo artist has come under fire for tattooing an American flag on a 9-year-old girl's arm after she asked to get Trump's portrait on her neck.

A video posted on social media by a tattoo artist at the Black Onyx Empire Tattoo parlor in Yuma, Arizona, has been getting a lot of attention online because it shows a nine-year-old girl getting her arm tattooed. Shared by the artist, who goes by 'cutzsosa' on Instagram, the video sparked a heated debate about inking minors, even with their parents' consent. According to the artist the girl and her parents travelled to the tattoo parlour from out of state specifically to get a tattoo. She initially wanted a portrait of Donald Trump on her neck, but Sosa reportedly convinced her to get something more patriotic done, a US flag on her arm.

### Proclamation makes it illegal to get sick!

Belcastro: The Mayor of an Italian village issued a proclamation banning residents from getting sick amid issues with local healthcare access.

Mayor Antonio Torchia of Belcastro, Calabria, issued a proclamation ordering residents not to contract any serious illnesses that could lead to the need for emergency medical attention. Residents were also ordered to not engage in activities that could lead to serious injuries, and were advised to instead spend the majority of their time resting.

Calabria is one of the poorest regions in Italy, and has seen 18 hospitals shuttered since 2009.

Torchia later explained the proclamation was meant to be a tongue-in-cheek way to draw attention to the shortcomings of the local healthcare infrastructure.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular PAPSMEAR test (once in 3 years) is necessary for all women aged 21 to 65 years, who are sexually active. This test is for the detection of any precancerous condition in the mouth of the uterus(cervix) which is treatable.

*By Dr. Amulya K.G. - Consultant- Obstetrics and Gynaecology*
*Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

# Sports School admission

Mysuru, Jan.13- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports will conduct the eligibility test for selection of boys and girls aged between 14 and 18 years for admission to 8th standard (2025-26) in Sports Schools/Hostels, at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad at 9 am on Feb.13 and 14.

The first level of the test to be held in sporting events such as Athletics, Basketball, Cycling, Football, Gymnastics, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Hockey, Judo, Volleyball, Wrestling, Archery and Fencing at the Junior level, will take place at the Taluk level at different venues on different dates and time from Jan.16 to 20.

For other details, dates and venues in Hunsur taluk, contact B. Lokesh (94491-75644); Nanjangud taluk, T.B. Ravindra (82778-21212); K.R. Nagar taluk, B.S. Girish (99644-11709), T. Narasipur taluk,T.B. Ravindra (82778-21212); Periyapatna taluk, R. Sundaresh (98444-87796); Saligrama taluk, B.S. Girish (99644-11709); Saragur taluk, M. Vishwa (94810-75364); H.D. Kote taluk, K.N. Ramaswamy (94493-00330) and Mysuru taluk, B. Lokesh (94491- 75644); R. Sundaresh (98444- 87796) and Feriyal Jamadar (88848-51538).

Only students who get selected at the taluk level will be qualified to take part in the main selection test to be held in Mysuru on Feb.13 and 14. For more details, visit the Department Office or contact Ph: 0821- 2564179, according to a press release.

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## REALLY...?

- ***The Congo River is one of the world's deepest rivers, flowing through dense rainforests and remote regions. Its currents can be swift and unpredictable, and the river is prone to flooding during the rainy season. Additionally, the river's isolation and the presence of dangerous wildlife like crocodiles and hippos add to its perilous nature.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***A Navy Officer was drilling his men:*** *"I want everybody to lie on your back and then put your legs in the air, move them as if you are riding a bicycle. Okay, get to it."* ***After a while the Officer noticed Mahendra had stopped.***

***Navy Officer:*** *"Why have you stopped?"* ***Mahendra:*** *"I am going downhill, Sir!!"*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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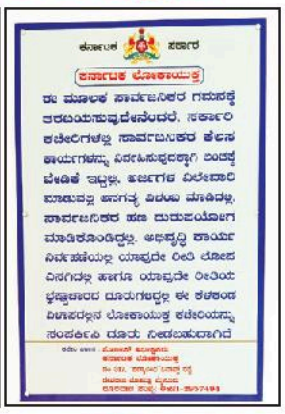
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 86.47 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 105.10 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 23.54 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 88.38 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

# MCC's new Zonal Office in Sharadadevinagar




Sir,

The new Zone 3 Office of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in Sharadadevinagar is ready for occupation and it is situated across the road of Tapovan Solace Apartment. We, a couple of quite senior residents, just walked across and felt happy to see the imposing building.

More happy we felt to come across the above **Notice Board by Lokayukta** prominently displayed in the foyer and Buddha's bust installed in the centre.

Kudos to all those concerned who are in the service of people. May their tribe increase. We elders have no other such desires.

**—Concerned Elder Citizens**
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# Annual Feast at Infant Jesus Cathedral

## Celebrations, which began on Jan. 11, to conclude on Jan. 19

Mysuru, Jan. 13-The Annual Feast of Infant Jesus at the Infant Jesus Cathedral, Hinkal, is being celebrated from Jan. 11 to 19.

The celebrations began with the flag hoisting by Rev. Msgr. Thomas Thennattil Augusthy, the Parish Priest, on Saturday evening, followed by the Holy Mass and Novena by Rev. Fr. Ajesh Enayil.

Rev. Fr. Sojan Aikkarakunnel MST, Regional Director, St. Thomas Mission, Mandya, was the main celebrant for the Holy Mass and Novena at 8 am on Sunday.

There will be Holy Mass and Novena at 6.30 pm on all days from today (Jan.13) till Jan. 17. Rev. Fr. Thomas Mangalathil, Director, Jeevadharu, H. D. Kote will celebrate the Holy Mass and Novena at 6.30 pm on Jan. 18 followed by the Eucharistic Procession, led by Rev. Fr. Paul Manjooran, Director, Catechism, Diocese of Mandya and Rev. Fr. Rony Puthenveettil, Rector, Mother Teresa Seminary, Mandya.

On Sunday (Jan. 19), the Main Feast Day, there will be Holy Mass at 7 am. Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, Bishop of Mandya will be the main celebrant for the Solemn High Mass at 10.30 am. Around 3,000 people are expected to take part in the Annasantharpane at 12.30 pm. Archbishop Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore, will officiate the Solemn Festal High Mass in Kannada at 4.30 pm followed by the grand candle light procession in honour of Infant Jesus with the famous shingarimela to the Ring road Junction, Hinkal. There will be shingarimela performance and fireworks display at 7.30 pm, followed by the Water DJ and the Entertainment event by famous Malayalam serial star Sreeveshkumar.

Special arrangements have been made for the Crown Offering to Infant Jesus during the Feast days, according to the Conveners Sajan Parayil and A.R. Joseph. For details call Jaison Androos, Convener - Publicity, on Mob: 98450-55462.

# Four selected for 'Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Award-2025'

*Dr. Chikkarangegowda Yogendra Manjunath Risha Gowda*

Mysuru, Jan.13- Four achievers from different fields have been selected for the tenth 'Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Award-2025', instituted jointly by Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Pratishtana, Alliance Club of Mysore Nalwadi and Gaana Nandana, Mysuru.

Those selected for the award are: Noted Historian Dr. Talakad Chikkarangegowda, International sportsperson M. Yogendra, Apeksha Manjunath of Bhadravathi, who is popularly known as Junior Vishnuvardhan and cine actor Risha Gowda.

The four personalities will be conferred the award at a programme to take place at District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar First Stage on Jan.14 at 10.30 am. The programme will also feature felicitation to achievers, calendar release and Savigaana-7, a Musical Nite.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda will inaugurate, while Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat President Nagaraj V. Bairy will preside. Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will confer the award while veteran litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) will release the calendar.

Karnataka State Government Employees Association Mysuru District President Dr. C.B. Arunkumar, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce Zonal Board (Producers) Member G.B. Siddegowda and Film Director-Producer Venkatesh will be felicitated.

For more details, contact Mob: 98451-56788.

# SSLC, Second PUC exam time-table announced

Bengaluru, Jan.13- Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board has announced the time-table for SSLC and Second PUC exams (2024-25), according to which, SSLC exam will be held from Mar. 21 and PUC exam from Mar. 1.

**SSLC exam: Mar. 21:** Kannada (1st language); **Mar. 24:** Maths, Sociology; **Mar. 26:** English (2nd language); **Mar. 29:** Social Science; **Apr. 1:** Junior technical school subjects, Economics; **Apr. 2:** Science, Political Science, Hindustani/ Karnatak Music and **Apr. 4:** Hindi (3rd language)

**II PUC: Mar. 1:** Kannada, Arabic; **Mar. 3:** Mathematics, Education, Logic, Business Studies; **Mar. 4:** Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Urdu, Sanskrit, French; **Mar. 5:** Political Science, Statistics; **Mar. 7:** History, Physics; **Mar. 10:** Optional Kannada, Accountancy, Geology, Home Science; **Mar. 12:** Psychology, Chemistry, Basic Maths; **Mar. 13:** Economics; **Mar. 15:** English; **Mar. 17:** Geography; **Mar. 18:** Sociology, Biology, Electronics, Computer Science; **Mar. 19:** Hindustani Music, Information and Technology, Retail, Automobile, Health care, Beauty and Wellness, **Mar. 20:** Hindi.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Aadhaar Seva Kendras closed

Aadhaar Seva Kendras in Saraswathipuram and Vijayanagar will remain closed on Jan. 14 on the occasion of Makara Sankranti, according to a press release from Aadhaar Seva Kendra Manager Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.).

## Obituary

**G. Narasimha Murthy**

Mysuru, Jan. 13- G. Narasimha Murthy (84), retired Civil Engineer, specialising in dam construction and a resident of Tapovan Solace Apartments, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his daughters Vidya Rao and Krupa Murthy, granddaughters and a host of relatives and friends.

An avid Golfer & Bridge player, Narasimha Murthy founded JWGC Engineers Golfing Association and Mysore District Bridge Association. His notable achievements include construction of an aqua duct in Iraq and Idukki Dam in Kerala.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam today.

**A.S. Bangera**

A.S. Bangera (94), retired Railway employee and a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away following brief illness in city yesterday.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral will be held at 11 am in CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar tomorrow.

**Syed Aslam**

Syed Aslam (62), retired Nuclear Scientist of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Yelwal and a resident of Kalyanagiri Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Abi Akhil Masjid at Azeez Sait Nagar after Namaz Zahur (1.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

# Business meet, ATM card facility launched at Muslim Co-op. Bank

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (AP)- Narasimharaja (NR) MLA Tanveer Sait and Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy jointly inaugurated the Business Meet and launched the ATM Card facility at an event organised by Muslim Co-Operative Bank Ltd. at its premises, on New Sayyaji Rao Road in city on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Lakshmikanth Reddy expressed happiness that the Bank has been serving people since 109 years and greeted the Managing Committee for taking care of the needs of the shareholders, depositors and customers.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Tanveer Sait said that after introducing CORE banking facility, the launching of ATM Card facility is a step towards the progress and development of the Bank. He advised the Bank to introduce Net Banking facility also.

The MLA said that when compared to previous years, the number of shareholders was decreasing and asked the Bank to enrol new shareholders so that the transaction of Bank could increase. He requested the gathering, comprising business community, to give their suggestions for the overall development of the Bank.

Dr. Syed Shakeeb-Ur-Rahman, former Dean of VTU, Ariff A. Mehkri, former Chairman of Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee, Javeed Ahmed, Proprietor of Chamundi Engineering, Moulana Ismail, Principal of Huda Public School, Zahoor Mohammed, Aboobaker, Assistant Director, Administrative Training Institute and Syed Farooq, Congress leader, gave suggestions for the overall development of the Bank.

*Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait and Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy seen after launching the ATM Card facility at Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd. in city on Saturday as Bank President K.C. Showkath Pasha and others look on.*

Earlier, the Business Meet and ATM Card launching began with the recitation of holy verses from the Holy Quran by Hazrath Moulana Qari Fayaz Ahmed. Director of the Bank Dr. Abdul Ravoof welcomed. President of the Bank K.C. Showkath Pasha presented the detail report about the progress of the Bank.

He said that the Bank established in 1916 was serving the community since then. Pointing out that the Bank was registered as a Co-operative Society earlier and later converted into a Bank, he said that the Bank is having deposits to the tune of Rs. 85 crore and has lent Rs. 60 crores as loans. He further said that the Bank was having Rs. 3.71 crore as share capital, with Rs. 25 crore as Reserve and other funds and added that for the first time the Bank has declared 22 percent as dividend to the shareholders of the Bank.

Showkath Pasha said that the Bank has already introduced any Branch Banking, SMS alert, RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement), IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) and NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer) facilities and now ATM Card facility has been launched besides stating that the bank was helping the community children by giving scholarships for education and helping dialysis patients.

He appealed to all the business community to join hands and requested them to keep deposits, avail loans facilities and open business accounts assuring them of better and fast service.

DC Lakshmikanth Reddy and MLA Tanveer Sait distributed Family Health Insurance cards of Rs. 5 lakh coverage to the employees of the Bank which covers the employees' families.

Bank Director Dr. Suraiyya Tarannum proposed a vote of thanks. Director Abdur Rahman Shariff compered the programme.

# State Government has failed democracy by not conducting local body polls: SDPI

## Mysuru District Unit Office-bearers of SDPI announced

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (SPN&DM)- Accusing the State Congress Government of failing democracy by not holding local body elections, SDPI (Socialist Democratic Party of India) State Unit General Secretary Ibrahim Majid Tumbe maintained that the Congress Government lacked the guts to take on the IT Cell of the BJP.

He was speaking at a meeting of District Representative Council of the party organised at a private hotel here on Sunday.

Stating that the Minority community was a happy lot when the Congress came to power 20 months ago, Ibrahim said that, however, confusion still persists on whether a secular atmosphere has been in existence in the State since then.

"A review of the Congress Government shows that the Government is moving in the opposite direction. The State Government is a U-turn Government and the Government has not been able to take a firm decision on Hijab issue. It has also failed to introduce inner-reservation and has been unable to address violence and atrocities concerning beef. The Congress seems to be fooling the Minorities as can be seen by its actions," he said and accused the State Government of registering cases against SDPI members even for small things or incidents.

SDPI City Unit President Rafat Khan, in his address, said that the country needed a strong alternative right now. It is only the SDPI which can launch a nationwide movement for bringing about a change, he added. Noting that there are a lot of problems in the country, he said that the SDPI members will not think or plan sitting in houses. The SDPI will be always amongst the people in resolving or addressing their problems, Rafat Khan added.

The following were announced as District Unit Office-bearers (2024-27) of SDPI at the meeting: President - Rafat Khan, Vice-Presidents - S. Swamy and Mohammad Shafiullah, General Secretaries - M.N. Firdose and Syed Azim, Secretaries - Ayesha Zubi, Fardeen and Akbar Hunsur, Treasurer - Mansoor Khan, Committee Members - J. Mahadeva, Moulana Nooruddin Farooqui, Mansoor Ahmed (Medical), Tabraiz Sait, Suhail Atif, Zabeena Banu, Mohammad Waseem and Amjad Hussain.

SDPI State Unit Vice-President Devanur Puttananjaiah, General Secretary Mujahid Pasha, Secretary Moulana Akram and other office-bearers were present.

# Swami Muktidanandaji calls for taking forward Swami Vivekananda's message

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (PM&DM)- Swami Muktidanandaji, President of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram at Yadavagiri in city said that Swami Vivekananda, who maintained a close relationship with Mysuru, stayed at Thathaiah Anathalaya when he visited the city in 1892.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 163rd Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebration, jointly organised by Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana, Sri Vivekananda Yuvakara Balaga, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Sangha, Vivekanandanagar Residents Forum and a host of other organisations, by offering floral tributes to the portraits of Vivekananda, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Sarada Devi at Vivekananda Circle in Vivekanandanagar here yesterday.

*Swami Muktidanandaji, Dr. S.P. Yoganna, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and T.S. Srivatsa, Swami Yukteshanandaji, former MLC D. Madegowda, former Mayor Sunanda Palanetra and others seen after offering floral tributes to the portraits of Vivekananda, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Sarada Devi at Vivekananda Circle in city yesterday.*

Stressing on the need for everyone to work together for the growth and progress of the country as per the aspirations of Swami Vivekananda, Swami Muktidanandaji said that the country is celebrating Swami Vivekananda Jayanti as National Youth Day. Pointing out that the country has a big youth force, with more than 60 percent of the population in younger age group, he said that the youth should work towards synchronising will and power in order to bring about a social transformation in the country.

"Swami Vivekananda visited Mysuru and many other cities and held scholarly debates for the growth of the country in right direction. The youths of the country should carry forward the legacy of Vivekananda without any caste, creed and community discrimination. The services of youth play a key role in protecting the interests of the people. Swami Vivekananda's thoughts bring about inspiration and drives the youth force of the country for becoming a national power", he noted.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda said that Swami Vivekananda's works largely contained messages on human values and life principles. Though Vivekananda lived for a short span of 39 years, he made a big impact on the society and the world, through his speeches, thoughts and preachings, he added.

Pratishtana Working President Dr. S.P. Yoganna said that Ramakrishna Jatrotsava will be held in the city on Feb.18, following which a membership drive will take place. Vivekananda Vidya Vahini Trust Founder Nityanand Vivekavamshi spoke on 'Swami Vivekananda's life and messages.'

Earlier, a grand procession of Swami Vivekananda's portrait was taken out from Udbhava Banashankari Temple on Adichunchanagiri Road to Vivekananda Circle, passing through the main thoroughfares of Kuvempunagar.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Swami Yukteshanandaji, Pratishtana President and former MLC D. Madegowda, Secretary K. Kempalingaraju, Treasurer H.G. Basavalingappa, former Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, former Corporators Jagadish and Seema Prasad and others were present.

# CM Siddaramaiah a 'big zero' when compared to Maharajas of Mysore

## Opposition Leader in Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy hails the rule of Wadiyar dynasty

*Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy offering floral tributes to the portraits of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Bharat Mata in city yesterday as MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, BJP Minority Morcha State President Dr. Anil Thomas and others look on.*

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (BLU& BCT)- Whenever Mysuru is mentioned, the visionary and public-centric initiatives of the Wadiyar Maharajas immediately come to mind — not Siddaramaiah, remarked Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy. He ridiculed Siddaramaiah, labelling him a "big zero" in comparison to the Maharajas of Mysore.

Speaking at an event organized by the BJP SC Morcha near Kurimandi at N.R. Mohalla, Narayanaswamy highlighted the contributions of the Mysore Maharajas. "In 1924, the Maharajas of Mysore implemented reservations for Scheduled Castes and Tribes and initiated several landmark projects that remain a model for the nation. Their legacy is unforgettable," he said.

He further emphasised the role of Indian royalty in laying the foundation for Democracy, noting that over 500 kings played pivotal roles. However, he criticised the post-independence leadership, particularly the 'duplicate' Gandhis, accusing them of selfish governance driven by a thirst for power. "We are exposing the truth that has been hidden for long," he said, claiming that Nehru's political strategies had sabotaged Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's election bid.

**Children's political ambitions**

He also accused the Congress party of suppressing fresh talent. "In Congress, leaders like Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and Mallikarjun Kharge prioritise their children's political ambitions over newcomers. The Dalit community must understand this," Swamy stated.

Reflecting on his four decades in Congress, he described joining the party as the "biggest mistake" of his life. "Back then, there was no alternative, but now the BJP upholds the Constitution, which is why I support it," he added.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy underlined Dr. Ambedkar's vision of unity beyond caste and religious boundaries. He asserted that it was Congress, not the BJP, that disrespected Ambedkar.

**Narasimharaja development**

Comparing development across Assembly Constituencies of Mysuru, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar criticised the lack of progress in Narasimharaja constituency. He noted that municipal elections would enable elected representatives to address local issues more efficiently.

Stressing the importance of collaboration, he stated, "As an MP, I rely on local representatives for effective governance. It is crucial to conduct municipal elections soon and I urge everyone to join this cause."

As part of the event, 800 blankets were distributed to the residents of Kurimandi, with organisers highlighting that the initiative was carried out selflessly.

Dignitaries on stage included MLA T.S. Srivatsa, BJP Minority Morcha State President Dr. Anil Thomas, City General Secretary Giridhar, BJP SC Morcha General Secretary Karthik Mariyappa, former Deputy Mayor Shailendra, and leaders Paramananda, Ramesh, Murali, and Manju.

# MDJA Diary and Calendar released

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (MTY&DM)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda released the new year (2025) calendar while Siddartha Group of Hotels Managing Director P.V. Giri released the diary brought out by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at a programme organised at MDJA Office on Thyagaraja Road in K.R. Mohalla here on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Devegowda said that the media has the power to prevent any injustice to common man in the society.

Pointing out that newspapers can also warn the Legislature, Executive and the Judiciary in a Democracy, he highlighted that Media, which forms the fourth pillar of Democracy, has enormous responsibility.

Noting that newspaper agents brave inclement weather in delivering newspapers to the doorsteps of subscribers early morning daily, he recalled the contributions of top journalists such as Khadri Shamanna, Krishna Vattam etc., in the field of journalism.

P.V. Giri, Managing Director of Siddartha Group, also spoke.

Developmental Journalism award recipient C.J. Rajeev, Karnataka Media Academy annual award recipients T. Gururaj and J. Jayanth, Praja Sandesha Endowment award recipient P. Shilpa, H. Narasimaiah State-level award recipient Bannur K. Raju and Journalist Nagaraj Navimane, who was recently awarded Ph.D degree, were felicitated and the calendar of District Journalists Abhyudaya Co-operative Society was released on the occasion.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion.

MDJA President K. Deepak, General Secretary Dharmapura Narayan and other office-bearers were present.

# ‘Sky Force’ to celebrate heroics of Kodagu Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya

*Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya and Sundari in an undated photo.*

*Actor Veer Pahariya, who debuts as Squadron Leader Devayya, seen with Sundari Devayya, the 90-year-old wife of the legendary Maha Vir Chakra recipient, Squadron Leader Ajjamada B. Devayya and their daughters, Smitha and Preetha, in Bengaluru.*

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**The air battle of Sargodha**

Squadron Leader Ajjamada Devayya was just 32 when he gave his life for the nation during an audacious airstrike over Sargodha, Pakistan’s most fortified airbase, on Sept. 7, 1965.

Despite piloting a French-made Dassault Mystere, vastly inferior to the US-made Pakistani F-104 Starfighter, Devayya displayed extraordinary courage, shooting down the enemy aircraft in a two-minute dogfight before crashing.

Posthumously awarded the *Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)* in 1988 — 23 years after his sacrifice — Devayya’s valour came to light thanks to Pakistani Flight Lieutenant Amjad Hussain, whose aircraft he shot down, and British author John Fricker’s book ‘Battle for Pakistan: The Air War of 1965’.

Born on Dec. 24, 1932, in Manchalli village near Kutta, South Kodagu, to Ajjamada Bopayya and Neelamma, Devayya joined the Indian Air Force on Dec. 26, 1954. Devayya was married to Keethiyanda Sundari. During the 1965 war, he was an instructor at the Air Force Flying College and was posted to ‘No.1 Tigers Squadron’.

**Dogfight at 7,000 feet**

Devayya’s final mission was part of an airstrike targeting Pakistan’s Sargodha airbase. In a legendary dogfight at 7,000 feet, he outmanoeuvred and damaged Hussain’s advanced Starfighter, forcing him to eject. Devayya, despite being hit, didn’t eject and decided to give a far superior plane, a fight for its life.

Though mortally wounded, Devayya chose to stay in the fight, firing point-blank and bringing down the enemy aircraft. Devayya opened his 30mm cannon and fired at point-blank range at F-104, damaging the aircraft. Amjad Hussain was forced to eject at a low level but Devayya was not able to eject due to its damaged Mystere and crashed on Pakistani soil.

The action was over in less than two minutes. What Devayya achieved in the pre-dawn Pakistani skies that morning is now considered one of the most remarkable events in the history of post-world war air combat.

**Memorials**

A 6-ft-9-inch bronze statue of Squadron Leader Ajjamada B. Devayya has been installed at the Old Private Bus Stand Circle in Madikeri, Kodagu district. The installation was led by members of the Ajjamada family, the Squadron Leader Ajjamada B. Devayya Memorial Trust, the Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and General Thimayya Forum, and the Kodava Makkada Koota.

**In Mysuru, the Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya Bhavan, situated near the old Deputy Commissioner’s Office, is managed by the Department of Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation.** The initiative to name the building after Devayya was championed by late **Mandetira N. Subramani,** President of VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust, Mysuru, who passed away on Sept. 21, 2023.

# Six-day Bahuroopi Theatre Festival from tomorrow

*Welcome arch of Bahuroopi Theatre Festival.*

*Artists giving final touches for their artworks to be displayed during the Bahuroopi art exhibition.*

Mysuru, Jan. 13 (BLU&VNS)- Rangayana is all set to host this year’s Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival, a six-day theatre and cultural extravaganza, starting tomorrow (Jan. 14).

The theatre repertory is finalising last-minute preparations to ensure the smooth conduct of the event. This year, Bahuroopi coincides with the Makara Sankranti festival, adding extra sparkle to the occasion.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and renowned theatre and cinema actor Atul Kulkarni will inaugurate the festival at Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, tomorrow at 5 pm.

The theme for this year’s festival is ‘Liberation: Social Justice - Movements and Theatre.’ In line with this, the venue features famous quotes from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Nelson Mandela, Bob Marley, and other social reformers.

Information boards on various events, including theatre plays, folk performances, and a film festival, have been installed. The venue also showcases artwork created by local artists.

Rangayana has made arrangements for the inaugural ceremony at Vanaranga, and for events at Bhoomigeeta, B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Kalamandira, Kiru Rangamandira, and Kindarijogi. Stalls have been set up at Kalamandira, where visitors can purchase desi art, khadi clothing, books, and other items, while also enjoying local delicacies.

Ticket counters have been arranged for both physical and online ticket purchases. Additionally, as part of the festival’s publicity, street plays were conducted by Rangayana with the help of amateur theatre groups from Jan. 11 to 13.

Ticket prices for all four venues — Vanaranga, Bhoomigeeta, Kiru Rangamandira, and Kalamandira — are set at Rs. 100 each. Rangayana is offering a 50 percent discount on tickets for children, applicable only for the plays staged at Kalamandira.

*Stalls erected for Bahuroopi Theatre Festival in Kalamandira.*

## Man dies outside Cheluvamba Hospital

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Last night, Nagesh slept in the open and when passersby attempted to wake him this morning, they found him unresponsive. He was later confirmed dead, with the cold night suspected to have played a significant role.

Devaraja Sub-Inspector Prabhu and his team conducted a mahazar and registered a case. The body was sent to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem. The exact cause of death will be determined once the report is received.

Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director of MMC&RI, told *Star of Mysore* that while the hospital provides a dormitory for attendants, some prefer staying near the ward for easier access in case of emergencies.

# CLP meeting this evening

Bengaluru, Jan. 13 (KMS& DM)- With factionism growing within the ruling Congress party in the new year, all eyes are on the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting which is scheduled to take place at a private hotel in the State Capital this evening, which will be attended by Congress party State In-Charge and AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala.

As the factions supporting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC President, continue to issue statements favouring their leaders for the Chief Minister’s post amidst a chorus of ‘Dalit CM’ by some Legislators, with Siddaramaiah already at the helm, the Congress High Command has stepped in to bring about truce between different factions of the party, which are vouching for the cause of their leaders.

During the meeting, Surjewala is expected to issue a stern warning by asking the party Legislators not to cross the ‘Lakshmana Rekha’ and to stop issue statements or indulge in activities that hurt the interests of the party.

Prior to the CLP, a General Body Meeting of the KPCC has been convened, in which also Surjewala will take part. During the meeting he would communicate the instructions sent by the Party High Command to the office-bearers on party organisation and further strengthening of the party at the grassroot level with focus on the forthcoming Local Body elections, it is learnt.

# Maha Kumbh Mela 2025: Nearly 60 lakh devotees take holy dip on Day-1

Prayagraj, Jan. 13 (Agencies)- The 45-day Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, celebrated as the largest gathering on Earth, commenced early this morning at the sacred Triveni Sangam — the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati rivers — in Prayagraj, on the occasion of Paush Purnima.

Uttar Pradesh DGP Prashant Kumar stated, "Maha Kumbh 2025 has begun today. In addition to the traditional Police system, we have enhanced arrangements for devotees using advanced technology.

Today, 'Pushp Varsha' will also take place. An estimated 1.5 crore (15 million) devotees are expected to take a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam under stringent security measures.

The event began with the 'Shahi Snan' on Paush Purnima, marking a rare celestial alignment that occurs only once every 144 years. Devotees have gathered in massive numbers at the Triveni Sangam, to participate in this auspicious ritual.

The Maha Kumbh Mela will conclude on Feb. 26, with significant bathing rituals (Shahi Snan) planned on Jan. 14 (Makar Sankranti), Jan. 29 (Mauni Amavasya), and Feb. 3 (Basant Panchami). Prayagraj is witnessing an influx of lakhs of devotees arriving to take a holy dip. The newly expanded triangular area at Sangam Noj Ghat is bustling with activity as pilgrims gather since morning to immerse themselves in this sacred ritual.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to X to share the beginning of Maha Kumbh 2025, saying, "A very special day for crores of people who cherish Bharatiya values and culture! Maha Kumbh 2025 begins in Prayagraj, bringing together countless people in a sacred confluence of faith, devotion, and culture. The Maha Kumbh embodies India's timeless spiritual heritage and celebrates faith and harmony."

He added, "I am happy to see Prayagraj abuzz with countless people coming here, taking the holy dip, and seeking blessings. Wishing all pilgrims and tourists a wonderful stay."

## Laurene Jobs, widow of Steve Jobs, gets Hindu name 'Kamala'

*Laurene Jobs*

Prayagraj, Jan. 13 (Agencies)- American billionaire businesswoman and philanthropist Laurene Powell Jobs — widow of Steve Jobs — reached the ashram of her guru, Swami Kailashnand Giri, the acharya Mahamandaleshwar of Niranjini Akhara, in Prayagraj.

She will be staying at the camp till Jan. 15 before heading back to the US to participate in the swearing-in ceremony of US President-elect Donald Trump. Accompanied by her 40-member team, Laurene landed at Prayagraj on Saturday night and entered Maha Kumbh Mela area on Sunday noon.

She visited the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi where she worshipped Baba Kashi Vishwanath, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas and performed 'jalabhishek' (offering water to a deity).

"On the first Amrit Snan on Jan 14, 'Kamla' (a name given to her by her guru) will be behind my chariot along with Swami Vyasanand Giri, who was anointed as Mahamandaleshwar on Sunday evening and that would be the first Sangam bath of Kamla at Prayagraj," Kailashanand Giri said.

Niranjini Akhara will be taking a bath between 7.05 am to 7.45 am on Jan 14. On her arrival at the camp on Sunday, Laurene — dressed in a peach-yellow salwar suit, with 'Rakshasutra' (kalava) on her right arm and a 'rudraksha mala' hanging from her neck — was accorded a grand welcome with a synchronised playing of the trumpet.

During her stay, she will bathe daily in a sacred river early in the morning, do meditation, chant mantras and read scriptures. She will fast and consume only 'satvik' (vegetarian) meals without onion, garlic or rich spices and listen to teachings from saints and spiritual leaders. She will sleep on the ground, maintain a simple lifestyle and plant a tulsi plant. She will also consume food prepared by herself or other devotees, won't wear gold and consume sweets or fruits.


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# Muddanda Cup Hockey 2025 logo released

*Prominent figures from the Muddanda family, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, former MLA K.G. Bopaiah, former MLC Shantheyanda Veena Achaiah, former Karnataka Western Ghats Conservation Task Force Chairman Shantheyanda Ravi Kushalappa and others seen during the Muddanda Cup Hockey Tournament 2025 logo release ceremony.*

Madikeri, Jan. 13 (PS&BCT)- The Kodava Family Hockey Festival is celebrating its landmark 25th anniversary this year from March 28 to April 27. To mark the occasion, the official logo for the "Muddanda Cup Hockey Tournament 2025" was unveiled on Saturday last at the Kaveri Auditorium here. This year, the Muddanda family is hosting the tournament at the Madikeri Sports Ground.

The logo unveiling ceremony organised by Muddanda family witnessed the participation of several dignitaries, including Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

Inaugurating the event by lighting the lamp, Yaduveer lauded Kodagu's unique culture and traditions, particularly its deep-rooted passion for hockey. He emphasised the significance of preserving Kodava heritage through events like the hockey festival and expressed pride in representing the Mysuru region, which encompasses Kodagu.

Pledging his support for hockey, Yaduveer Wadiyar underscored the sport's integral role in Kodagu's identity.

Virajpet MLA Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna reminisced about the previous year's Kundyolanda Cup Hockey Festival, which set a Guinness World Record for the largest family participation in a sporting event.

Despite being a small community, he highlighted the Kodava community's remarkable ability to showcase its rich culture and sporting spirit. Additionally, Rajya Sabha MP Ajay Maken, who previously raised the festival's prominence in Parliament, proposed establishing a hockey training centre in Kodagu, leveraging the region's favourable elevation. Ponnanna said a survey is currently underway at Ammathi for this initiative.

Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda called for collective efforts to ensure the success of the silver jubilee edition and assured his support for the event.

Former MLA and Speaker K.G. Bopaiah fondly recalled the festival's inception by Pandanda Kuttappa, popularly known as Kuttani, a retired State Bank of India official and a hockey enthusiast, in 1997.

He mentioned the Rs. 5 lakh grant provided in 2008 under the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and the subsequent Rs. 1 crore grant given to the Appachettolanda family. Given the festival's silver jubilee, he urged the government to allocate a Rs. 2 crore grant this year.

Former MLC Shantheyanda Veena Achaiah, prominent figures from the Muddanda family, including family Pattedara (head) Dali Thimmaiah, Organising Committee Hon. President Muddanda B. Devaiah, Kodava Hockey Academy President Pandanda Bopanna, Muddanda Ponnappa and others were present.

Hockey Festival Secretary Muddanda Adya Thammaiah announced plans for a traditional fashion show showcasing India's diverse culture during the semi-finals and finals. The event will also feature musical performances by renowned singers to captivate the spectators.

# CM grants Rs. 1 cr. to Kundyolanda hockey tourney organisers

Bengaluru, Jan. 13 (PS&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah handed over a cheque for Rs. 1 crore to the Kundyolanda family, organisers of the 2024 Kodava Hockey Festival, during a ceremony held here on Thursday.

The funds, allocated from the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, underscore the government's commitment to promoting the unique sporting tradition of the Kodava community in Kodagu.

The event was attended by Virajpet MLA and Chief Minister's Legal Advisor Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna, MP Ajay Maken, Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharanprakash Patil, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, Chief Secretary to the Government Shalini Rajneesh, and Additional Chief Secretary to the CM and Additional Chief Secretary, Finance L.K. Atheeq.

Highlighting the cultural and sporting significance of the festival, CM Siddaramaiah praised the Kodava hockey tournament, which entered the Guinness World Record last year as the largest field hockey event.

The 2024 edition saw participation from 360 teams and 4,800 players, showcasing the unmatched passion of the Kodava community for hockey.

"Hockey is deeply rooted in Kodava culture, and it is a matter of pride that the tournament has gained global recognition. As the birthplace of hockey legends like Dhyan Chand, India must nurture this sport alongside cricket. The State Government remains steadfast in its support for elevating the Kodava Hockey Festival to greater heights," Siddaramaiah stated.

The Kodava family hockey tournament, a hallmark of the Kodagu district, has been organised annually for over two decades. It began in 1997 with just 60 teams and has grown into a mega-event with international attention.

Many Kodavas have gone on to represent India in national hockey teams, further cementing the community's association with the sport. CM Siddaramaiah expressed his hope for the tradition to flourish and promised continued support to sustain the festival's legacy.

It may be recalled in Aug. 2024, Congress Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka, Ajay Maken, speaking in the Rajya Sabha, had highlighted that the Kodava Family Hockey Tournament 2024 had earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records — a remarkable achievement accomplished without any support from the Union Government, though the State Government had fully backed the event. This, he had argued, underscores the urgent need for the Centre's involvement in such significant sporting events.

He had also called upon the Centre to provide financial assistance for the Annual Kodava Family Hockey Tournament.

## Series of events to mark family hockey silver jubilee

Madikeri, Jan. 13 (PS&BCT)- To make the silver jubilee Muddanda Cup Hockey Tournament truly memorable, a series of special programmes have been planned, announced Muddanda Rashin Subbaiah, President of the Muddanda Hockey Festival.

Speaking at the logo unveiling ceremony, it was revealed that a sports torch, inspired by the tradition of the Olympic torch, will be carried in a marathon. The journey will begin from the birthplace of the hockey festival, initiated by Pandanda Kuttappa, and will visit the homes of the Kodava families who have hosted the festival over the years.

The torch will ultimately reach the Madikeri Sports Ground on the day of the festival's commencement. The hockey festival, scheduled from March 28 to April 27, will feature a range of events to enhance its appeal.

Highlights include a shooting competition, a women's hockey tournament and a cyclothon from Gonikoppa to Madikeri, organised in collaboration with the Tour of Nilgiris organisation.

In addition, a zero-waste initiative will be implemented during the festival, with the co-operation of a non-governmental organisation. This initiative aims to ensure environmentally responsible waste management by collecting and managing all waste generated at the event venues.

## A four-year hiatus from 2019 to 2022

Despite a four-year hiatus from 2019 to 2022, the family hockey festival resumed successfully in 2023 with the Appachettolanda family hosting the 23rd edition of the tournament at Napoklu which saw participation from 336 teams, followed by the record-breaking Kundyolanda Cup in Napoklu in 2024 which saw 360 teams.

The family hockey tournament was not held in 2019 following the unprecedented landslides in Kodagu in 2018 and 2019. It could not be held in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic.

# Bahuroopi Film Fest Schedule

Mysuru, Jan. 13- Following is the list of movies to be screened as part of Bahuroopi Film Festival at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana premises:

**JAN. 14 (TUESDAY)**

**2 pm to 4.30 pm:** Emancipation (2022) - 132 min (English) - Director: Antoine Fuqua.

**JAN. 15 (WEDNESDAY)**

**10.30 am to 12 noon:** Freedom is Beautiful (2023) - 67 min (Kurdish) - Director: Angus Mac Donald.

**12 noon to 1.30 pm:** The Journey of Tibetan Refugees: A Struggle for Freedom Across the Himalayas - 52 min (English) - Director: Lisa Sinclair and Michel Scott.

**2 pm to 4.30 pm:** Damul (1984) - 123 min (Hindi) - Director: Prakash Jha.

**JAN. 16 (THURSDAY)**

**10.30 am to 12 noon:** Borderlands (2022) - 67 min (English) - Director: Samarth Mahajan.

**12 noon to 1.30 pm:** Journey of Freedom - 38 min (English) - Director: Justin Dilon; Song of Ghetto (2024) - 34 min (Kannada) - Director: K. Chandrashekar.

**2 pm to 4.30 pm:** 12 Years a Slave (2013) - 134 min (English) - Director: Steve McQueen.

**JAN. 17 (FRIDAY)**

**10.30 am to 12 noon:** White Like me (2013) - 67 min (English) - Director: Scott Morris.

**12 noon to 1.30 pm:** Fannie Lou Hamer's America - 59 min (English) - Director: Joy Elaine Davenport.

**2 pm to 4.30 pm:** Chomana Dudi (1975) - 63 min (Kannada) - Director: B.V. Karanth.

**CHILDREN FILM FEST**
**JAN. 18 (SATURDAY)**

**10.30 am to 12 noon:** The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse (2002) - 34 min (English) - Directors: Peter Baynton and Charlie Mackesy; Paddington In Peru (2025) - 106 min (English) - Director: Dougal Wilson.

**12 noon to 1.30 pm:** Kavi (2021) - 19 min - Director: Gergg Helvey; Ragdoll (2020) - 19 min - Director: Leon Lee.

**2 pm to 4.30 pm:** Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (2022) - 83 min - Director: Kelly Asbury.

**JAN. 19 (SUNDAY)**

**10.30 am to 12 noon:** The Silent Child (2016) - 20 min (English) - Director: Chris Overton; Sing (2016) - 25 min (Hungarian) - Director: Kristóf Deák.

**12 noon to 1.30 pm:** Class Divide (2015) - 74 min (English) - Director: Marc Levin.

**2 pm to 4.30 pm:** Seven Years in Tibet (1997) - 136 min (English) - Director: Jean-Jacques Annaud.

# Devajit, Prabhtej elected as BCCI's new Secretary and Treasurer

***Newly elected BCCI Secretary Devajit Saika** (second from left) **and Treasurer Prabhtej Singh Bhatia** (extreme left) **being greeted by BCCI President Roger Binny during the BCCI Special General Meeting yesterday as BCCI Vice-President Rajeev Shukla looks on.***

Mumbai, Jan. 13 (Agencies)- Former first-class cricketer Devajit Saikia and Prabhtej Singh Bhatia were elected as new Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The announcement was made during the BCCI Special General Meeting (SGM) held yesterday. Saika will be replacing Jay Shah, who assumed the role of ICC Chairman last year.

BCCI Vice-President Rajeev Shukla said, "Devajit Saikia elected new BCCI Secretary and Prabhtej Singh Bhatia elected as BCCI Treasurer."

Saikia represented Assam in the 1990-91 first-class cricket season. He also has significant experience in cricket administration, having served as the BCCI Joint Secretary and the Secretary of the Assam Cricket Association (ACA).

Following Jay Shah's election as ICC Chairman, Saikia had been serving as the Acting Interim Secretary of the BCCI. The Special General Meeting also marked Shah's transition to his role as ICC Chairman, which began on Dec. 1, 2024. Shah's extensive administrative experience includes his tenure with Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA), where he oversaw the development of Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, world's largest cricket stadium. Under his leadership, India successfully hosted the 2023 Cricket World Cup in its entirety for the first time.

In a key decision during Shah's Chairmanship, ICC recently resolved the issue of hosting rights for 2025 Champions Trophy. The Tournament will be held in Pakistan, with an additional neutral venue included. ICC has also adopted a hybrid model for its events in 2024-27 cycle, with tournaments to be hosted in India or Pakistan.

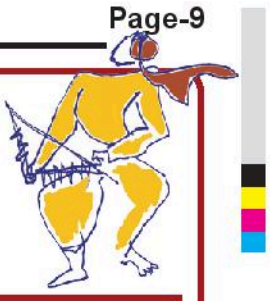
# IPL to commence from Mar. 23

Mumbai, Jan. 13 (Agencies)- The 18th edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) will commence from Mar. 23 and the final match will be played on May 25. Announcing this to the media persons after the Special General Meeting, Board of Control for Cricket India (BCCI) Vice-President Rajeev Shukla said, "The IPL will begin from Mar. 23."

The premier tournament will commence two weeks after the ICC Champions Trophy which ends on Mar. 9. With respect to second edition of Women's Premier League (WPL) Shukla said that the BCCI would be held from Feb. 7 to Mar. 2.

He added that the BCCI would soon finalise on the venues. Shukla said that BCCI would also announce the men's team for the upcoming Champions Trophy after the selection committee meeting on Jan. 18 or 19.

# Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana



## EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 13)

**6 pm - Kindarijogi premises:** Folk artiste Savitha Cheerukunnaiah inaugurates week-long Janapada Ustava (Folk Festival), Ranga Samaja Member Mahantesh Gajendragada chief guest, Karnataka Yakshagana Academy Chairman Dr. Talluru Shivarama Shetty presides, Yakshagana 'Narakasura Vadhe' by Yakshagana Mitra Balaga, Mangaluru.

## EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 14)

**11 am - Bhoomigeeta:** District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates **Bahuroopi Film Festival**, Film Festival Convenor K. Manu delivers the keynote address, Actress Bhavana Ramanna, Ranga Samaja Members Lakshmi Chandrashekar and M.S. Jahangeer chief guests, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman Sadhu Kokila and Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be present, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur presides.

**5 pm - Vanaranga:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates Bahuroopi, renowned theatre and cine actor Atul Kulkarni inaugurates the National Theatre Festival, Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates handicraft and book exhibition, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi releases the souvenir, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates the painting exhibition, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Kannada & Culture Secretary Dr. N. Manjula inaugurates posters exhibition, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Department of Kannada and Culture Director Dr. K. Dharanidevi Malagatti, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Mysuru ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Ranga Samaja Member H.S. Suresh Babu special invites.

**5.30 pm - Kindarijogi premises:** Janapada Utsava - Kaarvi Janapada Dance by Vidyaranga Mitra Mandali, Kundapura.

**7 pm - Kiru Rangamandira:** Staging of Telugu play 'Paakuduraallu' by Nibha Theatre Ensemble, Hyderabad.

**7.30 pm - Bhoomigeeta:** Staging of Kannada play 'Kane Adavru' by Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru.

# MYSORE RACES 2025

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

## ABSOLUTECHALLENGER for M. Govindappa Memorial Trophy

**Mysuru, Jan. 13- Following are the selections for the 10th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Jan. 15, 2025:**

| | | | |
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| 1. | 2.30 PM | THE MYSORE ZOO PLATE | 1600 mts. - rated 40 to 65<br>*1. IGNORANCE IS BLISS 2. SQUARE CUT* |
| 2. | 3.00 PM | THE VIJAYAWADA PLATE | 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45<br>*1. PETTE'S CHOICE 2. JUST BLUES* |
| 3. | 3.30 PM | THE GERUSOPPA PLATE | 1600 mts. - rated 00 to 25<br>*1. FREE SPIRITED 2. ANKUSH* |
| 4. | 4.00 PM | THE M. GOVINDAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY | 1200 mts. - rated 60 and above<br>*1. ABSOLUTECHALLENGER*<br>*2. SEOLFOR BULLET* |
| 5. | 4.30 PM | THE SANKRANTHI PLATE | 1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65<br>*1. FLYING FALCON 2. VARDAAN* |
| 6. | 5.00 PM | THE FORMAL INVITATION PLATE | 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (No Whip)<br>*1. D. LORD 2. TIGERKING* |

***DAY'S BEST:** IGNORANCE IS BLISS*
***DOUBLE:** 1. FLYING FALCON 2. D LORD*
***JACKPOT:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 **MINI JACKPOT:** 3, 4, 5, 6*
***I TREBLE:** 1, 2, 3 **II TREBLE:** 4, 5, 6*
***EXACTAS:** 1 to 6*

***—Tipster PGC***

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Beleaguer

**Pronunciation:** bih-LEE-gur (verb).
**Meaning:** To beleaguer a person, business, etc. is to cause them constant or repeated trouble. Beleaguer is also sometimes used as a synonym of besiege.
**Origin:** There's no getting around it: beleaguer is a "troubling" word. It comes from the Dutch verb belegeren, which in turn combines leger, meaning "camp," and the prefix be- (a relative of the English be- meaning "about" or "around"). While the Dutch word, meaning "to camp around," is neutral, its descendent beleaguer implies a whole heap of fuss and bother. Beleaguer was first used in the late 16th century, and is still used today, as a synonym of besiege; indeed, an army beleaguering or besieging a castle may also be said to be "camping around" it, albeit with nefarious rather than recreational purposes. This sense of beleaguer was almost immediately joined, however, by its now more common—and less martial — meaning of "to cause constant or repeated trouble for."
**Example:** "... Mono Lake, beleaguered by three years of drought, is expected to rise by several feet, a welcome reprieve as the lake has struggled to reach target levels." —Evan Bush, NBC News, 6 June 2023.

## THE ODD WORD

**Barouche**

Four-wheeled hooded carriage.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Behind closed doors

**Meaning:** In secret; Away from observers.
**Origin:** No one can say for certain who first used the term "behind closed doors". What is known is that it is closely related to the meaning of the word "secret", which comes from the late 14th century Latin secretus, a term which means set apart, hidden, or withdrawn. While the exact origin of the idiom "behind closed doors" isn't known, it is most likely an ancient saying.
**Example:** "Because of all the sensitive information, they held the meeting behind closed doors."

## QUOTE BOX

Try not to become a man of success, but rather become a man of value.

**—Albert Einstein**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

SEALED X

*Answer: Sealed with a kiss.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Apprehension
5 Ancient language
10 Fend off, rebuff or repel
13 Banishment
14 Green gem
15 Retails or vends
16 Pistols, revolvers, et al. (5-4)
18 Tic ___ toe : children's game?
19 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat?
20 Free a boat of water
24 PC key
27 African mammal famous for its long neck
29 Tenders or proposals
32 He who hesitates __ __? (2,4)
33 Most commonly used mineral of aluminium?
35 Pedro's uncle - "ITO" changed
36 Frivolously; loiteringly
37 Girl's name
39 Youth
42 Initiate
45 Binding
49 He conducts autopsies
50 Build straight!
51 Well ___ ways : roads which are much travelled on?
52 Kinds or classes
53 Of a rational & balanced mind

**DOWN**

1 To roll up a sail, or an umbrella!
2 Israeli carrier (2,2)
3 Narnia lion
4 It enrages bulls (3,3)
5 Not as much as before
6 Get rid of
7 The sesame plant or seed
8 ___ nature: churlishness?
9 Video game mfr.
10 Take it easy or relax
11 Harry Potter actress ___ Watson
12 Tranquil or serene
17 1052 in Roman numerals
20 Indonesian island
21 _ ____ ____ his money are soon parted? (1,4,3)
22 Conditions
23 ___ down : disappoint or fail?
25 Exciting carnal desires?
26 Le Dernier ___ : the last word (Fr.)
28 Alphabet trio
29 A form of sorcery or Japanese sash
30 Current fashion or craze
31 Disturbance
34 Authoritative orders having the force of law
38 Ancient marketplace
40 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
41 Laura of "Jurassic Park"
42 Chooses or selects
43 Press (clothes, etc)
44 Meeting point
45 Fix in position
46 Attempt to do something
47 Agent
48 An ___ up one's sleeve : a surprise trick or ruse?

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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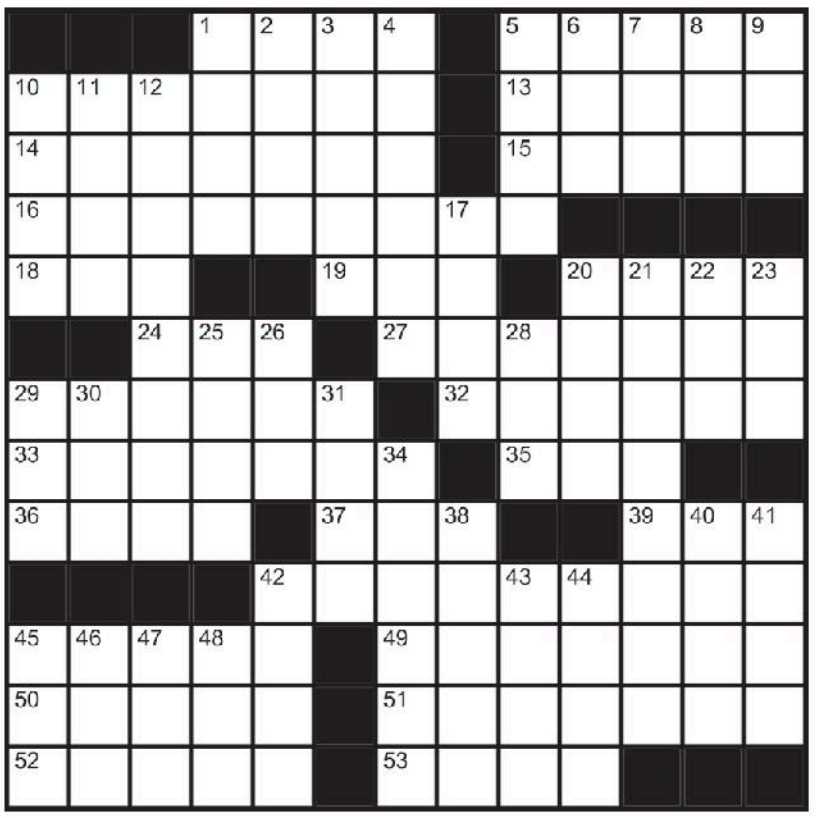

## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 5 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**PWJ KJJRBEA HK WTYBEA CHEJ T LHM OJRR BQ SJOTSCBEA;**

**PWJ KJJRBEA HK WTYBEA CHEJ BP IJSKJXPRG BQ KTPTR.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS G**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** The mind of a bigot is like the pupil of the eye: the more light you pour upon it, the more it will contract.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  *Choo Mantar (K)* - 4 Shows; *Game Changer (Te)* - 1 Show
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  *Game Changer (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  *Game Changer (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  *Game Changer (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** **Ph: 2452958**
  *Game Changer (H)* - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  *Max (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  *Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)* - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
  *Choo Mantar (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  *Choo Mantar (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
  *Fateh (H)* - 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Game Changer (Te)* | (S-1) | 10.25 am, 4.10 pm |
| | (S-3) | 1.10 pm; (S-4) 7 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 1.45 pm; (S-3) 10.45 am |
| *Max (K)* | (S-1) | 7.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm |
| *Rekhachithram (Ma)* | (S-1) | 10.20 pm; (S-2) 10.25 am |
| *Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1.20 pm |
| *Fateh (H)* | (S-2) | 4.25 pm |
| *Choo Mantar (K)* | (S-2) | 7.05 pm, 10 pm |
| *Daaku Maharaaj (Te)* | (S-3) | 7.15 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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|---|---|---|
| *Max (K)* | (S-1) | 11.15 am, 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm |
| | (S-4) | 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm |
| *UI (K)* | (S-1) | 1.45 pm |
| *Paristhithi (K)* | (S-2) | 11.20 am |
| *Choo Manthar (K)* | (S-2) | 1.20 pm, 4 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.20 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.45 am |
| *Daaku Maharaaj (Te)* | (S-3) | 10.40 am, 4 pm; (S-4) 6.35 pm, 9.20 pm |
| *Teddy Bear (K)* | (S-3) | 1.25 pm |
| *Rekhachithram (Ma)* | (S-3) | 6.45 pm, 9.25 pm |
| *Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve javaabdararu (K)* | (S-1) | 4.15 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

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|---|---|---|
| *Game Changer (Te)* | : | 8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Choo Mantar (K)* | : | 9.35 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Rekhachithram (Ma)* | : | 9.35 am, 10.15 pm |
| *Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)* | : | 9.40 am, 6.10 pm |
| *Max (K)* | : | 9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Daaku Maharaaj (Te)* | : | 10.10 am, 12.35 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)* | : | 12.35 pm |
| *Den of Thieves 2: Pantera (E)* | : | 1 pm, 6.55 pm |
| *Nosferatu (E)* | : | 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)* | : | 3.35 pm |
| *Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai (H)* | : | 3.45 pm |
| *Fateh (H)* | : | 4.05 pm, 10 pm |
| *Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K)* | : | 7.20 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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|---|---|---|
| *Game Changer (K)* | : | 9 am |
| *Game Changer (Te)* | : | 9.55 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Max (K)* | : | 9.25 am, 12.40 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Daaku Maharaaj (Te)* | : | 9.30 am, 4.20 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)* | : | 12.25 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Choo Mantar (K)* | : | 1.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.30 pm |
| *Fateh (H)* | : | 3.45 pm |

## EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 13)

- **Silk Fab:** Exhibition-cum-sale of handloom products, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota:** Nudi Namana to Prof. Muzaffar Assadi and Nadoja Na. D'Souza, Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-275, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, vocal concert by Vid. Sai Vighnesh, accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vidu. Sukanya Ramgopal on ghata, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Chamundi Hill:** Kotharotsava Vaibhava, 'Sangeetotsava-2025,' Goshti Gayana by senior and junior artistes of Mysuru, Deeksha Mantapa inside the Hill Temple, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana:** 'Tingala Tilivu' lecture programme, Swami Muktidanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram graces the occasion, vocal concert by Vid R.P. Koushik and troupe, Mysuru, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Agri scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Timkapura delivers lecture on 'Agriculture in India: Challenges and solutions,' Paramahamsa Dhyana Kendra, Ramakrishna Circle Ground Floor, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Sri Mudumbe Ramanujan, Melukote, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 14)

- **Silk Fab:** Exhibition-cum-sale of handloom products, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **Arya Samaj, Mysuru:** 'Makara Sankranti Parva' celebrations, Arya Samaj premises, Kothwal Ramaiah Street, Devaraja Mohalla, **10.30 am.**
- **NSS and Mathru Mandali Girls PU College, V.V. Mohalla:** Valedictory of Annual Special Camp, NSS Asst. Co-ordinator Dr. T.K. Ravi and others will be present, Mathru Mandali Shishu Vikasa Kendra, Gokulam 2nd Stage, **11 am.**
- **Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, Mysuru Unit and Ninadayukta Foundation, Mysuru:** Gana Garudiga C. Aswath's Sankranti Satyavatara Gayana, Musical evening will be led by Rajesh Pariyar (Junior Ashwath), co-singers Rashmi Chikkamagaluru, Hamsini, Vedashree, N. Bettegowda and Sridhar; Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy presides, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee and Badaganadu Balaga President B.N. Prabhakar chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Makara Vilakku,' Lakshadeepotsava, Sri Nataraja Swamiji of Sri Gurulinga Jangama Devaru Mutt, Gavadagere, Hunsur taluk, inaugurates, Sri Ayyappa Swamy Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.20 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Sri Mudumbe Ramanujan, Melukote, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Barakki Ramegowdara Mithra Mandali and others:** Makara Sankranti celebrations, staging of mythological play 'Kurukshetra athava Dharmarajya Sthapane,' in front of Sri Chandramoulishwara Temple, K.G. Koppal, **7.30 pm.**

## EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY (JAN. 15)

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| *Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)* | : | 1 pm |
| *Fateh (H)* | : | 1.10 pm |
| *Rekhachithram (Ma)* | : | 3.40 pm, 10 pm |
| *Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)* | : | 4 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Marco (Ma)* | : | 7.15 pm |

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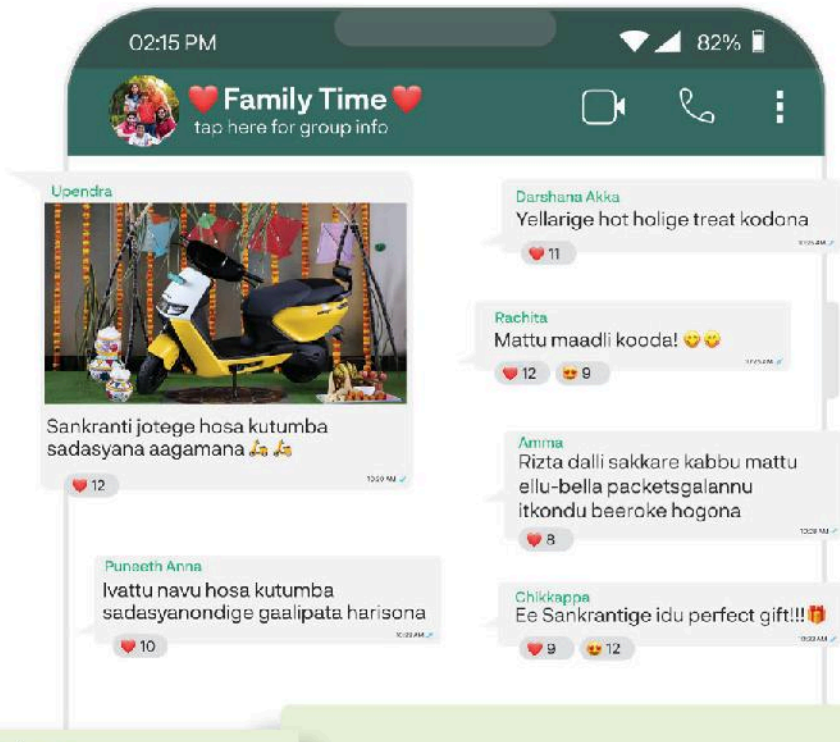


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